

**Docket No. 0425-0866PUS2
R53(b) Div. of Appln. No. 09/994,651
April 22, 2004**

REMARKS

The above amendments to the specification are made to provide a cross-reference to related applications and to correct typographical errors in the specification. No new matter has been added by way of the above amendments.

Application Data Sheet

Enclosed herewith is an Application Data Sheet. This Application Data Sheet is being submitted in order to correct the spelling of the first-named inventor's last name. Specifically, the inventor's last name is Shiba, not Shibai. It is respectfully requested that this correction be made to the USPTO's records.

Conclusion

Early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, or in an effort to advance prosecution, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Eugene T. Perez (Reg. No. 48,501) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees

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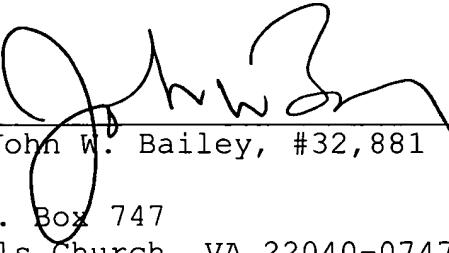
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required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Attachment: Application Data Sheet